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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, MMOL, LY, GW

SUBJECT: SALE OF AIR DEFENSE AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

EQUIPMENT TO LIBYA

REF:A.BONN 2187 (EXDIS), B. STATE 24256(EXDIS)

1. A SOURCE THOUGHT TO BE RELIABLE AND KNOWN TO HAVE  
ACCESS TO MID-LEVEL TECHNICIANS IN THE GERMAN ELECTRON-  
ICS INDUSTRY TOLD THE EMBASSY ON MARCH 10 THAT THE  
LARGE GERMAN ELECTRONICS FIRM AEG TELEFUNKEN HAD  
CONTRACTED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA TO SUPPLY A  
SYSTEM TO THE LIBYAN AIR FORCE WHICH CAN BE USED FOR  
BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY PURPOSES. THE SYSTEM CONSISTS  
OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED MINI-COMPUTERS AND SIX TO TEN  
LARGE COMPUTERS. FROM THIS THE SOURCE EXTRAPOLATED  
THAT THERE WOULD ALSO BE AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED DISPLAYS  
AND FOUR TO FIVE OPERATIONS SITES. THE COMPUTERS,  
HE SAID, WERE BEING DESIGNED TO INTERFACE WITH SOVIET  
MADE RADARS POSSESSED BY THE LIBYA AIR FORCE. HE  
SAID THAT IN LIBYA THE AIR FORCE HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (ATC) AND THAT THE SYSTEM COULD BE  
USED FOR ATC OPERATIONS BUT ALSO OBVIOUSLY WAS USEFUL  
FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS. HE SAID THAT WORK ON THE  
SYSTEM WAS ALREADY IN PROGRESS IN BOTH THE FRG AND  
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